

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 17, 2012

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Mickey Toler, Chuck Painter, Tara Lloyd, Attorney Jeff Lindsey,
Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by the President David Gogel at 1:00 P.M.

Minutes

Logsdon made a motion to approve the minutes from May 15, 2012 with the correction on the Huffman Mill Bridge Assessments that should have read the same as the first number \$33,785. Toler seconded the motion, motion passed.

Pete Franzman

Franzman explained the Fully Insured Organ Transplant Program. Cost quotes were passed out. The net cost would be 3 to 6 thousand; this would save a lot of money for the county if they actually had a transplant. Any transplant would have to be done in a Center of Excellence, so this gives the employee a little extra protection. Gogel asked what would happen if the county didn't have this policy and someone had a transplant? Franzman explained that if on July 15th someone had to have a heart and lung transplant; you renew on August 1st you would have to pay a quarter of a million dollar laser. That would make the county responsible for the first quarter million dollars of coverage instead of the \$60,000 where you're re-insurance is now. If you have this policy it wouldn't affect your re-insurance like it would if you didn't have it. Franzman said he felt it would be money well spent. Logsdon made a motion to accept the Fully Insured Organ Transplant Coverage to our current policy effective August 1, 2012. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

Highway Report

Painter reported county road 450 W that Rudolph was working on was finished except for the shoulder stone; he told them to wait until the weather cooled off to finish, but the road really looks good. This road was done with the hot mix formula. Logsdon asked what the next major project would be and Painter replied that they would be bidding on county road 500 E and 200 N today. County Roads 300E, 950N, 500, 600E and 700 N have been completed.

Painter asked if the Commissioners were still looking at using some of the money they got from 231 to buy some new equipment. A lot of the equipment is in need of repair, they have one piece down now they are waiting on a piece for so they can repair it. Logsdon asked Painter what he would buy first if money were no object. Painter answered that he would replace the tractors that have brush cutters on them. Toler asked if they could lease equipment. Painter said yes, they had done that before; he said he would get a list and bring it back to the Commissioners for them to look over if they were interested. The advertisement for a mechanic has been placed in the newspapers. At the present time there are two mechanics, one of which is currently on jury duty and the other one is going to retire on July 31st. If the one who is retiring agrees to stay and work part time, is that all right with the Commissioners. Commissioners agreed to let the retiring mechanic work part time; they felt it would benefit both parties.

Engineer Report

Lloyd said she had met with Abe Shorts from Southern Eckerty at Huffman Mill Bridge yesterday, and they were going to start on it today. She explained that she would coordinate with the Historical Society on the painting, as to whether or not we want to use the same color or something different. Lloyd told the Commissioners that she had the paperwork to add 312 W to the county inventory but needed a copy of the minutes to send with the paperwork. Toler made a motion to add 1100 feet of 312 W to the existing CR 312. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion passed.

Bernard Lochmuller will be getting started the last of August or the first of September on our Phase II of the county bridge inspections.

Legal Report

Lindsey had been in contact with Frank Carzion a representative of CRS, and confirmed that St Mary's had not been paid. The payment amount of \$6,168.17 has been reduced from \$6,853.53 by 10% this represents a credit we have with CRS. CRS will pay \$685.36 along with our \$6,168.17 to St Mary's to clear up the total bill of \$6,583.53, then CRS will process this for reimbursement from our insurance company. Lindsey said it was his opinion that the county needed to go ahead and approve this claim. Toler made a motion to approve claim # 273 to Correctional Risk Services. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved. Lindsey explained that while speaking to Frank Carzion he told him that they have two components to their services; one is insurance and the other is claims processing. They have software that prices for the Medicare prices and they still do claims processing for Vanderburgh County. They could do a presentation and proposal for Spencer County and explain what benefits they could have for Spencer County. Logsdon felt it would be a good idea to meet with them, but we need to have

a bookkeeper/treasurer from St Mary's Warrick present so they can let us know if this is something we need or not.

Bid Opening-County Road 500 E and 2000N

The Engineers' estimate on the project is \$228,432. The project is a little less than 2 miles in length.

1. **J.H.Rudolph** **\$209,978.05**
2. **Gohmann Asphalt** **\$214869.30**
3. **E&B Paving** **\$256,790.**
4. **Metzer Construction** **\$240,933.**

Logsdon made a motion to have the Engineer take the bids under advisement. Toler seconded the motion, motion passed.

Legal-DOXPOP

Lindsey explained that he had looked over the Court Payment Facility Agreement that the Clerk had presented to the Commissioners at the last meeting. He could find no problems; it is a one year agreement at no cost to the county. Toler made a motion to accept the Court Payment Facility Agreement, Logsdon seconded the motion, motion passed.

Lloyd explained that the bids were all in order and that J.H. Rudolph was the low bidder at \$209,978.05. Toler made a motion to approve J.H. Rudolph's bid at \$209,978.05 for county road 500 E and 2000 N. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion passed.

On the road closing for the Owensboro Air Show Lindsey said he felt that the Commissioners should advertise and have a public hearing to let everyone know about the closure. The Sheriff asked about keeping people away from their own property; he said he knew that we could close the road to public access, but you can't keep people off their property. Lindsey said this was correct, we could ask them to respect the closure, but we could not force them to stay off their property. Owensboro is asking for the road to be closed on August 25th and 26th between the hours of 1 and 3 each of those days. Lindsey will prepare the advertisement for the papers concerning the road closure.

Petition to Vacate-County Road 700 E-Ordinance 2012-11

Petition is for the vacation of CR 700 E being that portion of CR 700 E extending from the Southside of CR 1200 N South for a distance of approximately 2,639 feet ending exactly 1 foot north of the Southernmost boundary of Ben And Theresa Hart wig's property line. Notices were sent and publication was made. There were no remonstrators present. Lindsey asked what the status of the road was as far as improvements. Painter responded that it is an unimproved road, the county does not maintain it and hasn't for some time. Lindsey said the findings would be that closing and vacating the road is in the public and economic interest of the county. Closing and vacating the road will not unreasonably interfere with the flow of traffic on the county road system. Upon adoption, the Auditor will furnish a copy to the recorder for recording. If anyone objects they have thirty days to file suit. Logsdon made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-11. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

Redevelopment Commission Recommendations

Lindsey explained that the Redevelopment Commission met on June 14th and made the following recommendations to be paid out of the AK Steel Settlement:

1. **\$120,000 to the Spencer County Youth and Community Center for the construction of a new building.**
2. **\$30,000 to Lincoln Amphitheater**
3. **\$30,000 to Spencer County for teleconferencing system for the jail and courtroom.**
4. **\$10,000 to Lincolnland Economic Development Corporation for some new equipment.**

Logsdon said he attended the Redevelopment Commission meeting and was in favor of items 2, 3, and 4, but was opposed to item #1 because he felt that this amount was insufficient to help build the Spencer County Youth and Community Center. If that item could be revisited and added to, then he would be agreeable; he didn't want to send the message that the Commissioners felt that this amount is sufficient. Lindsey stated that any item could be re-visited at any time; the specific motion of the Redevelopment Commission was to recommend spending \$120,000 of the settlement proceeds subject to the building being let out for bid, and secondly, subject to further requests for additional funds at a later date. Logsdon made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-08. Toler seconded the motion, motion passed.

Gogel asked Sheriff Lindsey if the narrow band system was up and running? Sheriff Lindsey responded that it was, but there were a few bugs that needed to be worked out. Sheriff Lindsey also reported that the backup generator at the jail had a hole in the radiator and a new one would cost approximately \$600.00 and they should have that by late Thursday or early on Friday.

Longevity-Department Heads

Sheriff Lindsey spoke to the Commissioners and explained that Department heads felt that people who had been working for the county for a long period of time should be compensated. In the Sheriffs'

department they have a hard time keeping dispatchers because once they are trained they go someplace else because of the pay. He thought maybe if we could add longevity pay we might be able to keep more of them. The Sheriffs' department and other departments have added longevity to their budgets for 2013. We have presented some figures for your consideration; we understand it may be difficult; we would just like to see longevity considered. This has been brought up before so we are just asking for your support and guidance in this endeavor. Numbers presented were the ones received from Warrick County and we realize that this may be high, but it is just to get it out there and get everyone thinking about Longevity pay. Commissioners agreed that it would be best to have a spread sheet to show how many employees would qualify for longevity to present to the Council. The more modest the proposal the better your chances will be, because you have to figure PERF, Social Security, Medicare, etc , into the equation. There are many questions that need to be worked out. Logsdon explained to everyone present that the Commissioners had signed a renewal with the insurance carrier we now have and added an addendum to cover organ transplants. The first step we will take next month is to implement a wellness program and everyone will be required to participate. We need to try to get claims under control, we are asking for suggestions, ideas, etc. to keep insurance affordable for the county and employees alike. Kim Stallings asked if you are already doing health screening with your Doctor would you need to participate. Logsdon said he didn't know the answer to that, but would check into it.

Melissa Brockman-Visitors Bureau

Brockman explained that the Visitors Bureau is launching 8 weekends this fall that include overnights and activities, outdoor, fall, Halloween activities geared for families. Four of the weekends will be in September after Labor Day and the other four in October leading up to Halloween. Brockman passed out Rack Cards (cards with information about Fall-O-Weekends and Christmas activities). The cards give information about all the activities and will direct people to the Web Site. The Visitors Bureau is really excited to look at the fall season this year, to connect attractions and introduce people to all of them in the county. The First three weekends in December will have the Santa Claus Christmas Celebration. They are sending out Christmas cards to the media, a Christmas in July thing, hopefully to generate media coverage for all the upcoming activities. The Commissioners thanked Brockman for all the hard work she does.

Other Business

The claim from Amy Carpenter for Apex Benefits in the amount of \$8,500 for services rendered was approved. Motion was made by Logsdon to approve as presented. Toler seconded the motion, motion passed. The Commissioners wanted a thank you card included with the check to let her know the county appreciated all the work she did. Toler made a motion to approve the claim for Council on Aging Logsdon seconded the motion, motion passed.

Logsdon ask that the newspapers print something to let the public know that the Burn Ban is still in effect. Ron Heady asked the Commissioners if they had a certain criteria they look for or do they use the recommendation of the fire chiefs. Gogel said they used the recommendations of the fire chiefs and the EMA officials.

Toler made a motion to adjourn, Logsdon seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

President

Attest:

Jane Lynam, Auditor